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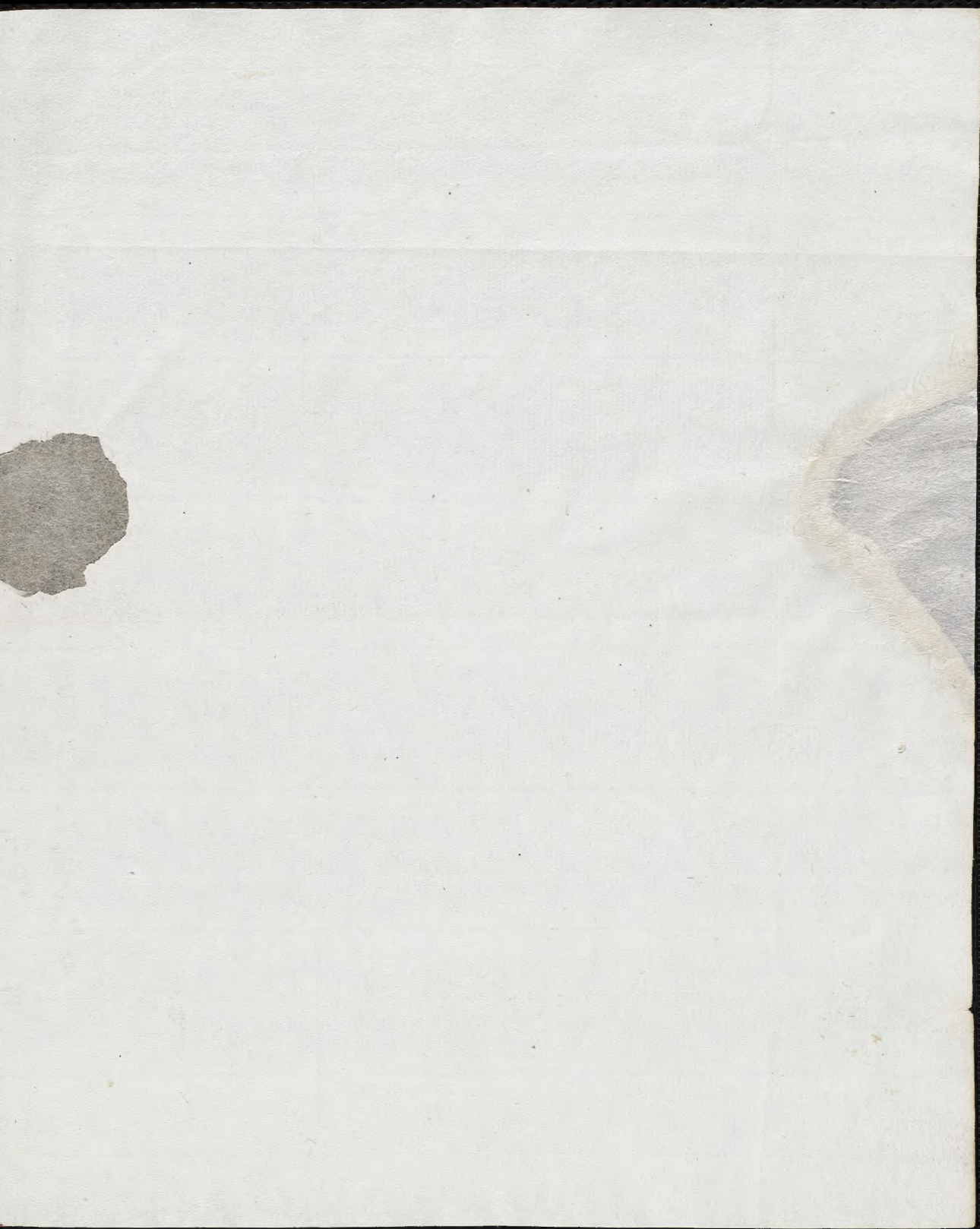
The Baron Leo Dirck a Hollander
has been in the Service of our State about
two years. He is now bound to Holland with
intent to return to America. I have an acquaintance
-tance with him not with his Character. But
of Mr. Erkelens from whom he has some proposals
to show you I have had the strongest Recommendation
-ation. Dr. Livingston a Quaker of mind
who is a dutch Clergyman in the State of New
York and a Gentleman of the most honourable
well as strictest piety knows him in the Netherlands
and represents him as a man of Probity & great
Connections in Holland. He has long been volun-
-teerous about giving his Country his a true
Idea of our dispute with Britain, on which
Subject, he says, they as most other Europeans
labour under the greatest Errors. He has further
purposely drawn up a kind of history to be presented
to Mr. Henr Lapalme a Gentleman of public Cha-
-racter, & of great weight & distinction among
them; and who appears by a Speech of his which
I have seen a warm friend to America, and
to

to Liberty. This Representation is to be presented by John Burke, who, I am informed is a relation of Capetown. I doubt not that some Dutchmen as well as some Frenchmen, by their ardent professions for the interest of America really mean to promote their own. And I am not easily taken in, by warm protestations. But as great things often rise from small beginnings, this may perhaps lay the foundation for some future advantageous acquaintance with their High Mightinesses, who I am confident will not show any affection from Great Britain whenever it is more for their Emolument to express their zeal for America -

By the enclosure which I enclose your Excellency in my publication, you will find the Cruelty of the Enemy towards Col. Baylone Regiments so fully proved, that your Constitution will doubtless be for keeping you to your word of Satis faction or retaliation. I am Dear Sir

Yr Excellency
Thos. Henry Lawrence
Resident of Longport

with the sincerest affection
your most obedient
humble
Wm. Livingston



His Excellency

To

The Honorable Henry Laurens Esq

President of Congress

Philadelphia

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